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# Donovan Confirms News Story

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James B. Donovan yesterday confirmed a Miami News report that he hopes to liberate within two weeks the 1,113 prisoners held in Cuba since the Bay of Pigs invasion.

The New York attorney's report, made in an address to the Villanova University Law School forum at Philadelphia, quoted a story written last Thursday by The News' Latin America editor Hal Hendrix.

Donovan, who dealt with Russia for the release of U.S. pilot Gary Powers, has been meeting with Cuban Premier Fidel Castro in efforts to free the captives.

He said the prisoners will be ransomed for a multi-million dollar package of food and medicines rather than cash.

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